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JOHN ROBERTS APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS TO NORMAN WELLS PIPELINE

ENVIRONMENTAL PANEL

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OTTAWA, May 30, 1980. Federal Environment Minister John Roberts today announced the appointment of two members to the Environmental Assessment panel that will review the proposed oilfield and pipeline from Norman Wells, N.W.T. to the Alberta border.

Dr. John Stager, professor of geography and associate dean of arts, University of British Columbia, and Art Look, of Fort Providence, N.W.T., a long time resident of the Mackenzie Valley, were named to the five-member panel that will begin its review in June.

Previously, Wayne Bryant, director of the Federal Environmental Protection Service, N.W.T. district; Alan Heginbottom, Geological Survey of Canada, and Dr. Patrick Duffy, Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office were named to the panel. Dr. Duffy is chairman.

The panel will review potential environmental and social impacts of the proposed project to drill 178 oil wells near Norman Wells and build a pipeline from there to join an existing pipeline in Alberta.

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Community meetings are expected to begin in Mackenzie Valley communities on June 23 and general meetings on technical subjects are tentatively scheduled between July 8 and 11 in Yellowknife.

The Environmental Assessment Review Office has opened a bureau in Yellowknife to provide support to the panel and information about the review to the public and government agencies.

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Information

ARTHUR LOOK

Mr. Look was born in 1914 and moved to the Northwest Territories in 1921 to Rocher River where he worked as a private contractor and later for Cominco.

Mr. Look joined the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources in 1954 with the Game Service. The Game Service transferred to the Territorial Government in 1967, and Mr. Look retired in 1975 after 21 years of government service.

Mr. Look has worked and lived in the Central and Eastern Arctic and the Mackenzie Valley. He is now living in Fort Providence, N.W.T.

Mr. Look was married in 1936 to Lillian Weir and they have six children.

JOHN STAGER

Mr. Stager is from Preston, Ontario and holds an honours degree in geography from McMaster University (1951) and a Ph.D. degree from the University of British Columbia (1962).

From 1952-1957, he served as Geographer, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, Ottawa and as Lecturer, University of Edinburgh. Since 1958, he has been on staff at the University of British Columbia and at present is Professor of Geography and Associate Dean of Arts.

Mr. Stager's research has been heavily oriented to Northern Canadian subjects including the historical geography of the Mackenzie River Valley 1750-1850, Alexander Mackenzie's exploration of the Grand River, northern research and its funding, reindeer herding in the Mackenzie Delta Region, Old Crow, Y.T. and the proposed northern gas pipeline, Baker Lake, N.W.T. - a background report of its social and economic development, and the Arctic physical environment.

WAYNE J. BRYANT

Mr. Bryant was born in Winnipeg and educated in eastern Canada. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Dalhousie University in 1966 and his Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering in 1971 from Queen's University.

Mr. Bryant under the Regular Officer's Training Program received his commission in 1966 and began his career with the Department of National Defense. During his tenure with the Armed Forces, he was seconded for two years to the Defense Research board at Valcartier where he was engaged in basic chemical engineering research on explosives and pyrotechnics.

In 1972, Mr. Bryant moved to Winnipeg where he began his career in the environmental field as a pollution control engineer with the Department of Fisheries. In 1973, he was appointed senior project engineer with the Department of Environment in Edmonton where he was responsible for implementing federal water pollution regulations and guidelines in Western and Northern Canada pertaining to the oil and gas, mining and pulp and paper industries.

In 1975, Mr. Bryant was appointed as the Northwest Territories District Director of the Environmental Protection Service (EPS) based in Yellowknife, a position he currently holds. In this capacity, Mr. Bryant is responsible for the management and implementation of all EPS activities in the N.W.T. which includes enforcement of a number of federal environmental statutes, ecological impact assessments, air pollution control, environmental emergencies, waste management and water conservation and pollution control. These activities have directly involved Mr. Bryant in all the major development activities that are currently of regional and national importance, such as northern pipeline, Beaufort Sea oil exploration. Mr. Bryant also presently serves as a member of the N.W.T.

Mr. Bryant is an author of a number of papers and reports on water pollution and northern environmental issues.

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